

# Law reform lessens marijuana penalty

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Punishments for low-level marijuana crimes in Missouri are lax following lawmakers' annual revision of state laws.

Following Missouri lawmakers' comprehensive reform of the state's criminal code, state legislature elected to eliminate jail time and lighten the maximum fine to \$500 for first time offenders carrying 10 grams or less of marijuana.

Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood said this was an attempt to balance punishment and crime.

"Some of the punishments for crimes under the old system weren't appropriate for the offense so it was an attempt to fix that," Wood said.

While the possession of any amount of marijuana in Missouri will still result in criminal charges and proceedings, the crime will now be considered a class D misdemeanor, carrying smaller long term consequences.

"I think we have a lot more people in our corrections system that are there for nonviolent, low-level drug offenses that we as a society can do a better job at helping, rather than having them locked up," Wood said. "As long

as we have a good mechanism to take care of them otherwise, jail time for minor offenses need to be avoided when possible."

Wood said these small drug offenses make up a large portion of drug charges in Maryville.

"I'm going to guess we probably have 50 plus drug offenses per year ranging anywhere from finding a roach in an ashtray to sales charges," Wood said. "Of course we have a lot more of the lesser ones than the big ones. We do see it with some frequency. We see a lot of the misdemeanor stuff processed through our municipal court and paraphernalia charges."

Wood said while this will change the court proceedings, it will not necessarily change the way law enforcement address marijuana.

University Police Chief Clarence Green said he agreed that law enforcement should still take all law violations seriously, but the new law may change what law enforcement does upon the discovery of a small amount of marijuana.

"What you may see is a change in our approach to where we can do things in a more efficient manner," Green said. "Instead of having to take someone into custody, we can just issue them a summons. Most of us in the county practice this already but this will make it the norm."

**Possession of 10 grams of marijuana is now considered a class D misdemeanor (an infraction). Lowering the fine to \$500 with no jail time for first time offenders.**

**The revisions eliminate the prior and persistent drug offender law as well as eliminating a law that banned anyone with a felony drug conviction from receiving food stamps.**

**First-time cultivation and sale of marijuana charges have been lowered by one-third.**

SOURCE: MISSOURI CRIMINAL CODE

However, in an interview with the Columbia Missourian, attorney Dan Viets, who helped draft the bill, said it still does allow for arrest by law enforcement officers.

"It still does allow for an ar-

rest," Viets said. "Strangely enough, you can be arrested for something that you cannot be sent to jail for. However, we hope and trust that most police officers will not make a full custody arrest, but

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they may. They may and they can, and some still will."

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Maryville City Airport is working with the Nevada-based company Hue Labs to help the airport with marketing techniques.

## Local airport seeks awareness

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Maryville city officials are working to increase the awareness of an underutilized airport through various marketing and reconstruction efforts.

Maryville Assistant Manager Ryan Heiland said the city approved a contract with Hue Labs, a technology company based out of Nevada, to build a website for the Northwest Missouri Regional Airport.

"We've done another project with Hue Labs before, for Mozingo," Heiland said. "We went through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to develop the website for Mozingo, and we ended up selecting Hue Labs for that project. (We're) very satisfied with what they put together

for the Mozingo website."

This past year, the airport closed from June through November for the runway renovation project. The project, costing \$3.1 million, included repairs to 4,000 linear feet of the runway and the implementation of new runway lights and a wind sock.

Heiland said the project prompted the development of a website.

"When we were going through this airport shutdown, with the new runway, we really wanted to be able to highlight the airport and all the amenities it has," Heiland said. "And a website is one of the easiest ways to do that. So we continue to have a working relationship with Hue Labs from Mozingo. They gave us a great quote to develop a new website."

The development of the new website for the airport began in November and will be completed by mid-February, at the latest.

Heiland said the city also looks to create awareness of the airport through other avenues.

"We're developing an official Facebook page, as well as a Twitter and Instagram," Heiland said. "People take a lot of great pictures out there (at the airport), and we just want a place for people to be able to share their photos of them flying and at the airport. We've had a lot of success with Mozingo doing online marketing."

Heiland said the city will also market the airport through other, pilot centric avenues.

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## NEWS BRIEF

### Maryville City Council discusses tax, license hearing for The Palms

Maryville City Council set a date for long awaited court proceedings of a local bar and worked on a conflicting new proposal at its Monday meeting.

A topic discussed was the Palms hearing. The date for the hearing is officially Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.

The case is based on the violations of city code 600. The hearing will be conducted by the city council, with members of the council acting as both the judge and jury for the case.

"It's essentially an administrative hearing where the city council acts as the judge and jury for any potential violations that may have happened," McDanel said. "They can choose to invoke a suspension, or irrevocations, or simply a warning or take no action based on the facts that are presented."

At the city council meeting Jan. 9, City Manager Greg McDanel proposed a new way to renew the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Sales Tax.

McDanel proposed to make the sales tax a no sunset law instead of renewing it for another 10 years. A no sunset law means that the law made for the tax wouldn't have to be limited to a set number of years, and instead would be in place indefinitely. The proposal was the only topic budgeted at the meeting the council did not approve.

Many arguments for the no sunset law. Council members argued that times change, and the people's feelings about it could too.

Another argument was that a permanent tax could scare voters. In the end, the council decided to discuss it with the citizens of Maryville and continue the conversation at the next meeting.

McDanel, meanwhile, will write up different versions of ordinances for the council to review at the next meeting. The ordinances being drafted for the CIP tax include a 10 year, and a 20 year expiration to go along with the no sunset plan.

He noted there will be no change to the tax citizens pay, which is a half cent sales tax. The only difference would be voters would not have to reapprove the tax every 10 years.

"We have a 20-year capital plan that has a lot of projects outlined with capital needs, like a road infrastructure, city facilities, trails and drainage," McDanel said. "There's just a lot of capital improvement needs. The city always has expenditures and capital items to accomplish."

The final matter discussed was the Transient Tax, or bed tax, that was approved on the November ballot.

The bed tax is a five percent surcharge on all hotel stays to help fund the new Northwest Multipurpose Complex to be built on Northwest's campus.

The tax will officially take effect April 1. The council noted the tax will have neither effect on Maryville citizens nor visitors, unless they stay in a hotel.

## New conceal carry, stand your ground laws go into effect

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Missouri residents now holster a new reality in gun control, spurred by one of many changes that have taken effect after the start of this year.

Senate Bill 656 allows Missouri residents 19 and over to carry concealed weapons without a permit, training or a background check.

Gov. Jay Nixon vetoed the bill

last June after stating his concern with individuals with criminal offenses carrying a concealed firearm that would otherwise be denied a permit. The House and Senate voted to override Nixon's veto last September. The expanded right to conceal and carry took effect Jan. 1.

A "Stand Your Ground" right is included in this bill, which states that when a person feels threatened, the law protects the person if he or

she uses deadly force to save themselves or others around them.

Junior John Lachowsky is a firm believer in the Second Amendment, but also believes in the process of earning a permit.

"In general, I think that conceal and carry has good intentions," Lachowsky said. "It gets a bad reputation because of the violent crimes that can be directly associated with conceal and carry."

The Castle Doctrine was ex-

panded in the passing of this bill by allowing invited guests to use deadly force against intruders in someone else's home. This part of the legislation will take effect Oct. 14.

In the Sept. 22 issue of the Missourian, University Police Chief Clarence Green said he does not agree with the new law.

"I, along with the Missouri Police Chief's Association, supported the law prior to the veto override,"

Green said. "I, along with many other chiefs, have concern with the new law. Someone who would have been prevented from carrying a concealed weapon under the old law now would be permitted. Eliminating the training piece of the law, along with increasing authorization, creates a danger for law enforcement officers."

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# College students Rue closing of local retail store

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Several people lost their jobs after Rue 21 permanently closed its doors Jan. 7.

Northwest junior and assistant manager at Rue 21 Kayleigh Peregrine said the store was forced to close after a decrease in sales.

“It’s mostly just sales; we have not made sales like the company has planned to in the last year,” Peregrine said. “They were going to give us another year but coincidentally the lease is up in January. The building we rent only does three-year leases and they only wanted to give us one more year, not three.”

Peregrine said employees were shocked when told the store was going to be closing.

“They didn’t take it hard. They weren’t mad, they were just surprised and a little sad. A lot of them are students who live off-campus and have to pay bills. It’s going to be rough on them for sure.”

Peregrine said she was shocked as well by the news that the store would be closing.

“I had just become an assistant manager at the end of August so I was taking it head on, ready to work my hardest and then I was told in November that we were closing and I cried, I really did,” Peregrine said. “I’ve worked here since November of 2015. It’s a great place. I love the culture and the atmosphere here and it really did take me by surprise.”

According to Peregrine, all

employees will be losing their jobs and the store will be completely empty by Jan. 13.

Junior Mettie Steiner said she was surprised to see the store close.

“I am just really disappointed that they are closing,” Steiner said. “They are a really good place to go and shop with your friends and it’s something that a lot of people are familiar with.”

Nodaway County Economic Development Executive Director Josh McKim said they did not foresee Rue 21 closing, but the building that formerly housed Rue 21 should not be vacant long.

“The real estate firm that manages that building is seeking new clients. We can’t tell you when they find someone, but they are actively seeking new clients and we are working with them to bring in additional prospects,” McKim said. “We don’t see that building being empty for very long. It is a prime location and the real estate firm is very motivated.”

McKim said the loss of any business is never a great time for the community, but he does not foresee any negative impact.

“We hate to see any of our businesses close,” McKim said. “We want to make sure we have as much of a robust shopping experience as we can in Maryville. It is a possibility that one business closing could be negative for others, but we don’t want, or like seeing, any of these businesses close. It is something we will bounce back from and be able to adjust to.”



Rue 21 officially closed its doors Saturday, Jan. 7, due to a combination of a decrease in sales and the building’s lease ending.

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## Donations to University allow students to obtain grant money

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Northwest’s Pay it Forward Committee offers students funds in reassurance that they will pay it forward in the future.

The program began in 2008 as an emergency fund loan with a \$75 limit. It has since expanded due to additional funds coming into the account from University board members.

Executive Secretary of Student Affairs Sue Nickerson holds a place on the Pay it Forward Committee.

“The program is intended to assist students who are struggling financially while engaging them in available resources to be successful financially, socially and academically,” Nickerson said.

Removing barriers that limit the opportunity to achieve higher education, therein creating equity for all students is one of the

programs goals, according to the Pay it Forward Funds online information graphic.

Senior Assistant Director of Federal and State Programs Amee Wilmes said students will not pay back the loan monetarily. Volunteer work at the committee-run Pay it Forward Food Pantry, the Talent Development Center, organization events and office events will suffice as payment instead.

“If we do approve a ‘pay it forward’ [loan] it’s a learning experience for the student,” Wilmes said. “They will visit with financial aid and go over their financial aid to see if there are things they could do to help the student there. We have also had budgeting to help the student. It really depends on the individual’s situation and what they’re asking for.”

Most of the fund will go toward those students in the low to middle income group to assist with higher education. The Pay it Forward Funds’ information page states “student success is not only focusing on academic success, but on relationships, perspectives and well-being that allows students to gain from their experience at Northwest and the program is a form of intervention that will help students succeed not only now but in the future.”

Students may apply for a variety of needs including required medication, unexpected travel expenses and any higher educational expense. Requests are evaluated on a case by case basis.

Alongside the Pay it Forward Fund, the Pay it Forward Food Pantry is another way the Pay it Forward Committee is contributing to university students’ well-being. The pantry recently received a \$5,000 dollar secret santa donation.

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# Voss expands on student learning through technology

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Assistant Professor of History Robert Voss was recognized by Northwest for his use of digital history in the classroom.

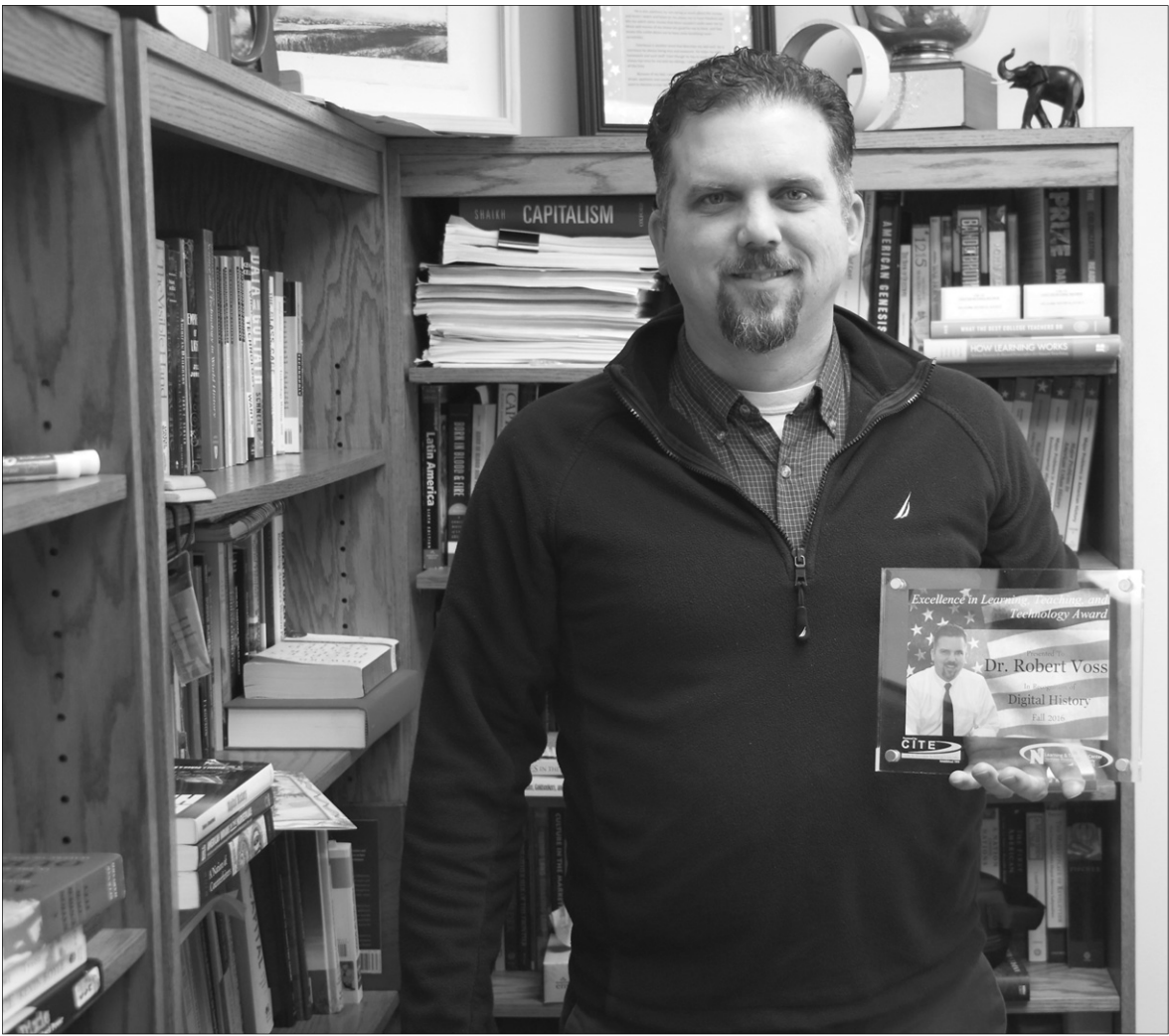
Voss was awarded the Fall 2016 Excellence in Learning, Teaching and Technology Award by the Director of the Learning and Teaching Center Darla Runyon.

Voss said digital history is an integral part of his teaching method.

“Digital history is getting us, as students and historians, to think outside the confines of text so it is not just about writing papers or books,” Voss said. “Textbooks can be pretty confining when it comes to what we do. History doesn’t have to be shown in a linear fashion like it is in textbooks, and digital history allows us to step outside those confines. Digital history allows us to construct digital displays such as interactive timelines that can include things like videos, images or links to other pages and engage the user more than a normal textbook usually can.”

Runyon said the award aims to highlight good teaching technique and bring those techniques to the forefront for faculty and students to see.

“How Dr. Voss ended up getting this award is that (the Learning and Teaching Center) offers Lunch and Learn events for faculty, and at one of these events Voss gave a presentation over his digital history project,” Runyon said. “The presentation was quite good and we liked what he was doing, so the office decided that we wanted to present him with this award, to show him that we appreci-



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ated the work he was doing and how he was doing it.”

Runyon is no stranger to giving awards, as the department used to host luncheons to deliver E awards,

also known as excellence awards, to faculty in the past. However, the department decided to do something new when awarding Voss his award.

“I was caught off guard when

they gave me this award,” Voss said. “They gave me this award during one of my classes which was something very different and surprising to me. I was very honored to re-

ceive this award because whenever you get an award for teaching or research, or teaching and research as this one was, it is a great validation of myself as a professor.”

The department decided to present the award to Voss in the way it did in hopes to get the students more involved and allow them to see the their professor’s hard work recognized.

“We did what we called a crash-the-class to present the award,” Runyon said. “We brought the associate provost for graduate studies in, the associate provost and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in and then the chair of the humanities department. (Voss) had no idea we were coming, so at the very beginning of the class we all went in and yelled ‘stop the class,’ and gave him the award to make it something different and special.”

Voss’ next plans for using digital history in his classes will entail creating a valid online publication in hopes to further spread the word of digital history and the uses it has.

“Our next project that myself and Dr. Gilley are working towards is an interactive undergraduate research journal in the humanities, and we are going to call it ‘Scholastica,’” Voss said. “It will be an online publication that allows for digital history to be written and displayed. Some really exciting things are happening in the field of history and digital history outside of writing research papers and the traditional projects you’d normally see. It is just my hopes to be able to keep working to expand the use of digital history.”

# Ninety-seven employees recognized for employment milestones

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Northwest professors Elyssa Ford and James Eiswert were among the 97 Northwest employees recognized for their work at the University.

Members of Northwest’s Human Resources department recognized employees who had attained milestone years of service at the University Dec. 20.

Ford, who has been working at the University for five years, was drawn to the University because of the possibilities and growth it offered for her career.

“Northwest was looking for someone to teach my specific specialties: women’s history, modern U.S. history and public history,” Ford said. “In the academic world, it is unusual to find a job that fits you so exactly, so perfectly.”

Eiswert has worked at Northwest for 25 years and for him, the best thing about working at Northwest are the connections that he has formed with students and faculty.

“I have developed great relationships with colleagues, staff members and so forth and I cherish all of those relationships,” Eiswert said. “Northwest has been a very, very good place to work and I have enjoyed my many years here. I just have so many memories to count,

but most of them center on the teaching and learning experiences.”

The recognition from the University came as a form of validation of all the hard work Ford and other employees were putting in.

“As faculty, we spend so much time preparing for our classes, adjusting the classes each semester to best fit the needs and interest of students, spending time on our own research and focusing on university and community activities,” Ford said. “It is nice that Northwest takes the time to recognize our work. I especially appreciate that Northwest invites all faculty and staff to attend these recognition events, because it shows how they value all employees, not just those celebrating milestone anniversaries.”

While the recognition of his service was greatly appreciated, Eiswert believes that the best form of recognition is his students’ achievements.

“I appreciate the University in recognizing all the faculty and staff who have serviced the institution and that comes in many ways including being recognized by the University,” Eiswert said. “The best recognition, though, is just seeing our students succeed and the joy in their faces as they are learning something new. That’s the recognition most of us as faculty really take to heart, but we do appreciate when

the institution itself does recognize that we have accomplished something in relation to the institution.”

Some of the fondest memories Ford has from her five years at Northwest are focused on her students as they grew and succeeded both inside and outside of the University.

“I have really enjoyed working with my students and then seeing the success they have after graduation,” Ford said. “It is always wonderful to receive an email about an exciting new job or the completion of a graduate program.”

In the end, what draws Eiswert back each year is the unity that he has experienced at Northwest between staff members.

“Northwest is an institution that is really committed and it takes students seriously,” Eiswert said. “We really have a good sense of how to design programs and support networks to help facilitate student success, and I think we do a remarkably good job in attempting to meet the needs of students. In addition, Northwest is a remarkable institution in that it develops a community and a sense of belonging for faculty and staff members. The clichés, like Bearcat family and Bearcat nation, are all attempts to articulate the sense of togetherness that we have here at Northwest.”



Northwest Professor Elyssa Ford was among the 97 faculty members recognized for their hard work at the University. Ford has been a professor for five years.


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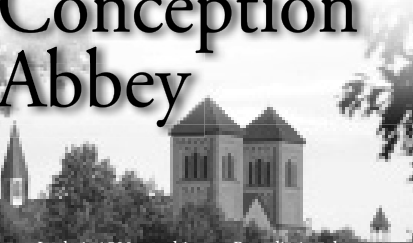
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OUR VIEW:

Training before conceal and carry is not too much to ask

Great news this month for gun fanatics: 19-year-olds are now allowed to conceal and carry without training, a background check or a permit.

Terrible news for people in favor of gun regulations: 19-year-olds are now allowed conceal and carry without training, a background check or a permit.

Senate bill 656 was previously vetoed, but the Missouri House and Senate voted to overrule that decision and pass the bill into a law.

This bill was created in support of Stand Your Ground, a right that states citizens have the option to use deadly force if they feel threatened

or to save people around them.

There is an interesting paradox about the conservative ideology. Conservative ideology opposes the death penalty. However, if someone is attempting to break in their homes in the middle of the night, they spontaneously become the judge, jury and executioner.

According to Legalmatch, the most common charges for breaking and entering is less than a year in jail and criminal fines, not death.

Conceal and carry without a permit or training is alarming and for good reason.

People who are carrying a lethal weapon should not only be fully

aware of how to use it, but what situation is appropriate to use it.

The Pulse shooting was a terrible tragedy. However, the situation would have been much worse if the citizens inside all had weapons and began shooting.

People were drunk and the music was blaring. The whole scene was pure chaos.

Had 12 of those victims pulled out guns, who is the shooter? How were they to tell who the good guys and bad guys were?

More lives would have been lost that night. Furthermore, when cops arrive to the scene, how are they to tell who is attacking and who is de-

fending?

There is too great of a risk.

University Police Chief Clarence Green and the Missouri Police Chief's Association agreed with the original veto.

He believes the new law poses a threat to civilians as well as law enforcement officers.

While the right to bear arms is protected by the Constitution, it is important to remember one person's rights cannot infringe on another's.

This means while one person may hold the right to bear arms, he or she cannot infringe on another's right of speech, assembly or life.

Background checks are impor-

tant. If you are a law-abiding citizen who does not have any serious mental health concerns, you have nothing to worry about.

The liberals are not trying to take away your guns. They are trying to keep them out of the hands of people who want to do bad things with them.


Someone with a violent and impulsive history should not be allowed to carry a lethal weapon in a busy supermarket.

The new conceal and carry law is alarming. We stand by the original veto. A background check, training and a permit should be required to conceal and carry.



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It may be a new year, but there is not a new you



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New Year's resolutions are overrated and a waste of your time.

According to History.com, the concept of New Year's resolutions has been around for over 4,000 years, but not exactly in the way we use them today.

Babylonians used resolutions to promise the gods they would repay any debts and return any objects they had borrowed. If they kept these promises, they would

be blessed with favors from the gods. If they did not keep their promises, they would end up on the gods' bad sides.

It was traditional in Roman culture to offer sacrifices to gods and with early Christians to look back on their mistakes on New Year's Eve during a church service.

History.com continues to report that as many as 45 percent of Americans make New Year's resolutions but only eight percent of those people successfully reach their goals.

A lot of us would be on the Babylonian gods' bad sides. It is a good thing we just make these promises to ourselves now.

People do not stick with their resolutions for a multitude of rea-

sons.

They may not prioritize their goals high enough in their lives, they may not make specific enough goals, they may not have a support system or they may just not believe they can stick to it.

Today, New Year's resolutions are just used as a way for us to further push off the habits we should already be taking care of.

Common New Year's resolutions include losing weight, eating healthier, quitting smoking and saving more/spending less money.

Too often I hear people say, "I'll start working out after the New Year," "I'll start eating healthy on Monday," or, "I'll stop smoking after I finish this pack of cigarettes."

Why wait?

No matter what your resolution is, you should start working towards it as soon as you can.

By waiting until the New Year, Monday or the end of your pack, you are just cheating yourself out of extra time to complete your goal.

Why wait until a whole new year to do something to better yourself? If your resolution is something you really care about, you should begin working on it immediately.

The goals people set for their New Year's resolutions are great goals. It is important to set obtainable goals for yourself to grow as a person, but waiting to start your

journey will only set you back.

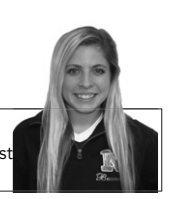
There are a few things you can do to help yourself set and achieve your goals.

Think about what is important to you and what you want to change. Make a specific and measurable goal and hold yourself accountable.

Tell your friends or family members your goal so they can help hold you accountable too.

No matter what time of the year it is, what day of the week it is or how many cigarettes you have left in your pack, do yourself a favor and start reaching toward your goal now, whatever it may be.

Let's stop 'shacking up' and start loving ourselves



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Shacking. The word alone makes me cringe. For those not familiar with the term, it can be summed up as hooking up for a night and then dipping out before the sun rises.

Growing up, we see movies showing college as a drunken fest where we do not remember who or what we did the night before. Sounds like a blast right?

But do those movies talk about

the consequences after shacking?

Last semester's article "Shacker's etiquette" disappointed me. Northwest is a beautiful university with great academic and athletic programs, yet we put out an article encouraging others to put themselves in a situation to be used as a piece of trash.

Returning to the consequences- I am not talking about pregnancy and STDs.

While these are very serious consequences that should not be taken lightly, the emotional aspects after sleeping with someone are also serious and should be considered.

It has become a form of self-validation to cover up someone's

emotional insecurities or to fill a void. Going around from body to body for 10 minutes of pleasure will eventually catch up with you when you hit rock bottom from feeling dirty and worthless.

How can so-called feminists preach what they stand for if they allow themselves to throw their bodies under someone they met at a frat house?

Anyway, my intention is not to judge but to motivate. This generation needs to learn how to love. By that I do not mean you need to find a person to love; you need to truly love yourself.

Loving who you are as God made you is the most amazing feel-

ing in the world. When you truly love who you are nobody can ever take that away from you.

After hitting rock bottom my freshman year of college from being involved with the partying lifestyle, I was absolutely disgusted with the person I became.

After transferring to Northwest, I decided to change my lifestyle and really fall in love with the beautiful life God had before me. Channel your energy toward your goals, education and people who want to build you up and I can guarantee you will feel so much better.

Travel the world, audition for a role in the play, join an organization

or set a new goal to become the best version of you possible. Then when you are genuinely happy with who you are, someone special will come along. When you find another soul who is equally as goofy, spontaneous and challenges you to be a better version of yourself, then that is when you have got it right.

Allowing the right person to enter your own weird little world is one the most breathtaking things anyone can have. Find someone who not only respects you, but who also makes a trip to HyVee a blast.

These are the things we should be talking about to college students. Our body is a temple and we should save it for the one who matters.



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“There’s something new we just installed; it’s called AWAS,” Heiland said. As a component of Automated Weather Observing System (AWAS) there is another acronym, Meteorological Automated Weather Observation Service (METAR). Through METAR, pilots have an app on their phone so when they’re out flying around and looking for gas or another airport, we show up on that map.”

Heiland said METAR is similar to the services provided by Google, and is one of the bigger marketing

schemes planned.

“When you’re looking for a restaurant, you Google it,” Heiland said. “And if your business is not tied into Google Maps, then the person searching doesn’t know you exist. So it’s kind of like that for airports. Through METAR, we pop up on pilot’s radar and we can advertise our gas prices and special events. They can also see current weather conditions for the area, so that will be a big help with flight planning.”

Heiland said the marketing strategies are designed to attract more traffic, as well as different traffic.

“There’s the pilot aspect of it

and there’s the community aspect of it,” Heiland said. “Certainly, we want pilots to know that we’re here and that they can use this airport. So you have the pilot’s aspect of it, just being able to attract new and existing pilots. Then there’s the website and social media, the community aspect. The conference room is really nice; it has free wifi and audio/visual equipment in it. It’s an amenity of the airport that not a lot of people know about.”

Member of the Airport Advisory Board and local pilot Ed Ensminger said the new marketing strategies will help community members understand the impor-

tance of the airport.

“I think, generally, most people don’t understand the importance of an airport in their community,” Ensminger said. “I think most people think it’s kind of a rich guy’s hobby, and it’s not. I also think people think it’s not a very safe way to travel, and it is. You kind of have to look past that, go out to the airport and hang around. It’s kind of a way of life.”

Ensminger said the airport is another gateway into the community, and allows the community to grow.

“For example, every spring and summer, six or eight crop dusters come in here,” Ensminger said. “And those guys are burning 60 gal-

lons an hour of fuel. They come in here and they work a 16-hour day, from sunup to sundown. That alone, and there’s three to four crop dusters here at a time. Then the pilots stay in hotels and eat here. I mean, it makes really, really good economic sense. The town’s not going to grow if the airport’s not taken care of; it’s just a matter of fact.”

In other efforts to better involve the community, the Hawk Road Flyers invite the public to attend a Chili Fly-In at the airport Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The city invites the public to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new runway, at the airport Jan. 27.

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Allows invited guests to use deadly force against intruders in someone else's home. This part of the legislation will take effect Oct. 14.

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CASTLE DOCTRINE

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Repeat offenses are still considered class A misdemeanors, which could yield a maximum fine of \$2,000 and up to a year in jail.

The restructure of the criminal code also eliminated the prior and persistent drug offender law. This law allowed for judges on a third felony drug-related conviction to sentence an offender to life in prison without the possibility of probation or parole.

The law revisions also lowered charges by one-third for first-time cultivation and sale of marijuana.

“If you attempt, don’t even succeed, but you merely attempt to sprout a single seed... If you take a marijuana seed and lay it on a wet paper towel, that is an attempt to cultivate,” Viets said in the interview with the Columbia Missourian. “So it does not take much to get a marijuana felony under Missouri law.”

The revisions eliminated a law

that banned anyone with a felony drug conviction from receiving food stamps as well.

Green said a majority of people affected by small drug charges are college students or people falling in the 18 to 24 year age bracket. While some may fear lax marijuana laws may yield higher use in this age group, Green said he does not expect that to be a problem and instead believes this group will receive the most benefits from the changes.

“I don’t see too much impact on students here at Northwest or across the country,” Green said. “I think we have seen marijuana use increase a little bit due to the legalization of it in nearby states but it didn’t increase at the drastic rate many thought it might. I don’t see too much of an impact as far as more use or more violations. I see it more as a positive so we can deal with people in a different manner, rather than throwing them in jail and leveling a huge fine.”

However, Green said true benefit to college students would come from reform at a federal level.

“What I think needs to be impacted to really help at the college level is if you get a drug charge that still impacts your financial aid,” Green said. “So a change at the federal level would be needed to really impact college students. But it will help to not have something hanging over their heads so they can continue to focus on their studies.”

As marijuana continues to be a hot button issue across the nation, pushes for medicinal and recreational use will stay at the forefront of the political landscape. While Wood said he thinks full legalization will cause more problems than it solves, he also sees there are medicinal avenues of marijuana that can still be and should be explored.

“I think there is a lot about marijuana that we as a society don’t know or understand,” Wood said. “I used to think there were no medicinal uses, but as the problem has grown and changed over the past few years, I have convinced myself there are some physical ailments that can be solved or lessened by marijuana uses.”

NEWS BRIEF

Officials advise residents to brace for possible winter storm

With a potential winter storm in the forecast this weekend, county officials are advising preparation and minimal travel.

Nodaway County could possibly receive freezing rain, sleet and snow this weekend. Nodaway County Emergency Management Director Christy Forney recommends residents prepare for the worst by making sure to have necessary supplies, in the case of being stuck at home for a couple days:

- Have extra food and water.
  - Make sure you have fuel for backup generators.
  - If you are low on prescribed medication, refill them before the storm.
  - If you have children, make sure you have all needed supplies for them.
- Officials will release sheltering information, if needed, through social media. Textcaster and local radio and television outlets. Forney recommends residents keep an eye on the forecast.

Blotters for the week of Jan. 12

Maryville Department of Public Safety

**Dec. 25**  
There is an ongoing investigation for forgery at the 1000 block of East Third Street.

A summons was issued to **Christopher L. Straughn**, 38, for animal neglect at the 200 block of West 12th Street.

**Dec. 27**  
A summons was issued to **Spencer O. Gibson**, 21, Fairfax, for failure to register a motor vehicle, improper display of license plates and failure to maintain proof of insurance at the 100 block of North Alvin.

**Dec. 28**  
A summons was issued to **Jennifer A. King**, 21, for driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain right half of roadway and speeding at the 500 block of North Main.

**Dec. 30**  
There is an ongoing investigation for forgery at the 200 block of Volunteer Avenue.

**Dec. 31**  
A summons was issued to **Robert M. Parson**, 17, for driving while intoxicated, minor in possession, speeding and no valid driver’s license at the 100 block of South Grand.

**Jan. 1**  
A summons was issued to **Tanya R. Herzberg**, 35, Clarinda, for driving while intoxicated and failure to register a motor vehicle at the 1300 block of South Main.

**Jan. 2**  
A summons was issued to **Francis J. Grout Jr.**, 45, for habitual barking dog at the 600 block of East Third Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny from a motor vehicle at the 100 block of North Water.

**Jan. 3**  
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 600 block of East Seventh Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 100 block of North Water.

**Jan. 4**  
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 1200 block of West Crestview.

**Jan. 5**  
There is an ongoing investigation for tampering with a motor vehicle at the 200 block of South Alco.

There is an ongoing investigation for tampering with a computer at the 200 block of North Main.

**Jan. 6**  
A summons was issued to **Leslie W. New**, 43, for city code violation at the 200 block of South Newton.

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A black and white cartoon illustration. On the left, a man wearing a cowboy hat and a shirt with a heart pattern is running towards the right, carrying a suitcase. He has a speech bubble that says, "WHAT DO YOU MEAN IT 'FROZE OVER'?! IT'S HELL!". Above him, a large speech bubble from an unseen character reads, "RICK'S WINTER VACATION DOESN'T PAN OUT:". On the right, a large, furry monster with horns and a wide, toothy grin stands behind a sign that says "WELCOME". The monster has a speech bubble that says, "WELL, THE ELECTION CHANGED A LOT OF THINGS.". The background is a desolate, frozen landscape with jagged ice formations and icicles hanging from the top. The artist's signature "JEFF V 6" is in the bottom right corner.

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**Everyone gets a sweet tooth now and then, but in Toronto, Canada, a convenience store deals with some special customers. Luke Kim, the owner of Luke's Grocery, has a pair of squirrels that come through the store's doors to steal some candy bars. The store has to keep the front doors propped open during the warmer seasons due to air conditioning problems, and the squirrels waltz in to get their sugar fix.**

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Junior Lindsey Walter first knew she wanted to be a teacher in second grade. Even her teacher told her mom that she could do it.

BECCA BOREN | NW MISSOURIAN

# Lindsey Walter

Community college transfer student looking forward to a fresh start



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Even before Walter decided to major in elementary education she knew she wanted to work with children. Once a month, she volunteers at an after school program called KARE through the Wesley Center.

REBECCA BOREN  
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Once the bills start coming in, the dirty dishes pile up and the laundry starts to smell, the allure of moving out and living semi-independently starts to diminish.

Combined with a breakup and academic changes, the transition from a community college to a university was a rough one for junior Lindsey Walter.

"I knew my plan (before coming to Northwest); college sounded so great. I was passionate about learning sign language. I felt like my life was figured out. I didn't feel any stress," Walter said.

Walter dated her highschool boyfriend for four years. She grew up in the same house her whole life, therefore her life at home was very comfortable.

"When I was with Ethan, I felt totally comfortable and completely loved," Walter said. "At that time I also had all my friends around."

Before coming to college, Walter was involved in tennis, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and her church youth group.

"The hardest part in my life was moving here," Walter said. "As soon as I moved here, my whole world turned upside down and nothing was the same."

Walter and her boyfriend Walter and her boyfriend had been having problems, but the relationship officially came to an end shortly after midterms. The move had added to the strain already present in their relationship.

"Ethan and I broke up. I was living on my own and I wasn't anywhere close to where I wanted to be at the time. I was living off campus and I wasn't allowed to minor in deaf studies like I wanted to," Walter said.

More than anything else, Walter felt isolated and alone.

"Even though I had friends, it would have been easier going through the break up at home because my parents and sister would have been there for me," Walter said.

When people live on campus, there is an opportunity to make friends with a random roommate or people down the hall. Northwest tries

to make the transition easier with the program, First Year Experience. Living off campus without having made friends before made it difficult for Walter to build new relationships.

"It didn't feel like it was getting any better or getting easier and I didn't have any motivation to do anything," Walter said.

One of the few positive things Walter said she felt came out of the past semester was her good grades. She was able to keep her focus on school without many distractions.

“I want to spend less time in the past. I spent too much time last semester trying to fix everything.... I just want to move forward.”

However, Walter wants this semester to be different.

"I want to spend less time in the past," Walter said. "I spent too much time last semester trying to fix everything... I just want to move forward."

The spring semester provides an opportunity for her to start over and get involved in more activities.

"I would tell anyone going through a major transition in life that it all gets better. Some days it is really good and other days it is really bad all over again. But the good days start outweighing the bad ones in the end," Walter said.

One of the resources Walter used was counseling services at the Wellness Center.

"There were times I felt like it wasn't helping, but I continued to go," Walter said. "It was good to have someone who was out of the situation and unbiased."

Along with the Wellness Center, Walter had the support of good friends. Junior Rachel Ladd became close with Walter of the course of last semester.

"Lindsey is one of those people that I look forward to seeing because she is always so happy," Ladd said. "She has the best stories and she is one of those people you can count on."

The two women live near each other at home and car pool occa-

sionally between Maryville and Kansas City.

"I remember driving her back up to Maryville one time and we talked the whole way," Ladd said. "There was never a dull moment."

Walter is an elementary education major who ideally wants to teach third-graders, but is mostly just excited to be in her own classroom.

"I knew I wanted to be a teacher in second grade. I was helping a friend out in class and my teacher told my mom I would be a teacher

one day," Walter said.

At first, Walter did not believe her teacher, but the more she tutored her friends, the more she started to realize her teacher might be right.

"Like any other kid, I changed my mind a bunch of times," Walter said. "However, every time I changed my mind, I always came back to teaching."

Even before Walter decided on teaching, she had a passion for children and knew she wanted to work with them.

"I love to be around children. They are so loving and have so much joy. They are fun to be around," Walter said.

One unique thing Walter does for children is donating her hair. She has donated to Locks of Love and Wigs for Kids.

"When I was 8-years-old, I donated my hair for the first time. Since then, I have not had a haircut where I didn't chop off a foot or more of my hair to donate," Walter said.

She just made her fifth donation. More than anything, Walter wants other people to know she is approachable.

"I just want people to know they can trust me. I am willing to listen to anyone at anytime," Walter said. "I want to be there for people."



# Music lets everyone play to their own beat

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From the newest Ed Sheeran song on the radio to street performers with their own original content, music surrounds and binds culture in a way nothing else can. Music has an overwhelming presence in media. Every time Katy Perry drops the slightest hint at a new single or album, we see it in our Twitter feeds or we hear about it from our peers. Music has evolved to a point where it is now part of daily thought nearly as often as thoughts of friends and family. When something as freeform as music is circulating in the public constantly, it allows the artists behind the music to have an influence in how others feel about issues. Irish rock band U2 have been known to use politics as a creative influence in their songwriting in the past with their hit Sunday Bloody Sunday as an example of protest with music. After the results of the presidential election were announced last November, their music took a huge impact when they decided to delay the album. “We just went, ‘Hold on a second, we’ve got to give ourselves a moment to think about this record and about how it relates to what’s

going on in the world,’” U2 guitarist the Edge said. “Now the world is a different place.” Communicating a particular feeling or emotion through creativity is what art is by nature, but music allows messages to be literally heard by a mass amount of people. Better yet, music acts as a time capsule, representing the feeling of an entire generation of people for all time. Looking back at bands like Creedence Clearwater Revival or the Rolling Stones, it is easy to see what politics and war can do to influence songwriting. Music demonstrates its importance to culture because it epitomizes what art is at its core, and does so in a manner that can be enjoyed by almost anyone. I make the point of drawing a similarity between one of the most popular artists of today with a typical street performer because besides popularity, they are not much different. Anyone can pick up some sticks and learn to play to their own beat. Music is accessible, combining literature and sound to evoke emotion. These are two simple but powerful tools almost anyone has at their disposal. This accessibility allows for simple and easy connection between any two people. There are many that cannot

find enjoyment in literature on its own, the summer’s biggest blockbuster hit, or different mediums of art. But there are so few people that find zero enjoyment in music that it needs its own special term. In fact, psychologists at the University of Barcelona determined during a study all but about five percent of people seemed to physically react to listening to music when exposed to a number of different songs. These abnormal cases were labeled with the term musical anhedonia. Artist Stevie Wonder was born blind, but is a legend among musicians in the industry. Wonder is known for writing and performing some of the most iconic songs in history while still completely unable to see. His insight of the resonance of music in multiple cultures is well founded, as it is something he has used throughout his entire life. “Music is a world within itself; it is a language that we all understand,” Wonder said. Wonder’s point echoes music’s ability to resonate throughout many cultures. Music is a universal language that touches and connects different cultures every day. As an art form, it may be one of the most timeless traditions we share.

# Feature Photo



ANNASTASIA TUTTLE | NW MISSOURIAN  
Squirrels are one the biggest highlights all students at Northwest seem to love. With Northwest being the state’s Arboretum, squirrels inhabit the University’s lawn, taking over all trees that cover the campus.

THE STROLLER:

# Your Bearcat wants you to send nudes

If you have not been on social media lately, get on it. Everywhere you look, there is a new video that in some way tells you to send nudes. This Bearcat agrees. Send them nudes. Nudes: a picture of your naked body you send to your bae. Nudes can be a scary thing to send. You never know who it could be shown to or what is going to be said about you. Especially if you send nudes to bae and you and bae break up. All of a sudden your nudes could be everywhere. So if nudes are not for bae, then who are

they for? Your best friends. People you trust. We all have moments we do not feel so hot about our bodies and it is never a great feeling. That is when you should find that great lighting and send some nudes. Instant confidence boost when you get the “wow your tits look great today” response. No longer are you feeling so crappy about your body and all the perfect imperfections that make you, you. So do it. Send nudes. I am in a group snap with all my really great friends and we participate in free nude Fridays. We take crazy nudes

and have fun. So if you have never taken a nude but want to participate in the fun, what do you do? You need to find the best angle you feel completely sexy in. If you do not feel sexy, you can see it in the nude. Do not get your face in the photo, just in case it gets sent to that really cute boy or girl you work with. Your coworker was not expecting the nude and if your face is in it, you cannot deny it was you. But hey, maybe they will get the hint like “ope, got a nude... this is obviously telling

me something.” So send nudes, Bearcats. Send them everywhere...and by everywhere I mean to your best friends, not to your cute co-worker. It is awkward, trust me. Even if they do respond with “wow you belong in a magazine.” Bad days, good days, bizarre days, just send a nude and wait for the compliments to roll in to help you feel like the sexy human you are. *The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.*



STUDENT ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

# JANURARY EVENTS

JAN 19	Trivia Night for MLK Week 8pm @ Union Ballroom
JAN 20	Movie Night - Suicide Squad 8pm @ Union Boardroom
JAN 25	Kyle Maynard Lecture 7 pm @ Charles Johnson Theater
JAN 26	Neon Zumba 9pm @ Union Ballroom

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# The Final Case

a short story by James Christensen

My name is Jake Wells and this could well be the end of me. I walk down the solemnly quiet streets of Cedar Valley, Nebraska toward the last house in the small rural town to look for someone. The closer I get, I think back to that fateful day, which was just yesterday, which kind of went like this. “Excuse me?” a very quiet woman said, as she peeked around the old varnished office door. How did she get past my secretary? She quickly entered my office and took a seat right across from me. This young woman, about 20 years old, had long auburn hair that reminded me of the color of autumn leaves and blue eyes with the shine of the sea. She was wearing a blue gingham dress with a white collar. As I turned my full attention to her, I noticed that she had been crying, due to her runny mascara. “Would you like my handkerchief?” I offered as I pulled it out of my suit pocket. As she dabbed her eyes, I was more anxious than a racehorse on race day to hear the new case. I had just finished a huge case and I was looking for a new adventure. When she was finished drying her eyes she took a deep breath and began her story. “My name is Mackenzie Lake. I live in the small town of Cedar Valley, which is about twenty miles north from here. I need your help, Mr. Wells! My father has disappeared and I need your help to find him!” As she continued, I was excit-

ed with the idea of a new case to solve. “You’ve got yourself the man,” I said as I stood up from my desk and went to grab my trench coat and fedora. When I turned around I noticed a copy of the Lincoln Star Journal sitting on my desk. One of the headlines caught my attention: “20 people mysteriously vanish from small town!” As I read the article, it stated that people, from the local pig farmer to the county sheriff, had just vanished without a trace. This just made the case even more interesting to me. As I lead Mackenzie out of my office, I had a gut feeling that she was hiding something from me. That night I had the strangest dream. People I did not know surrounded me and they told me to stay away from Cedar Valley or I would pay the consequences. The next day I woke up early to catch the train to Cedar Valley to do a little bit of investigating into all of the strange disappearances. When I got off of the train, the general feeling of the town was like an old ghost town that had been abandoned long ago. As I walked up the street, I did not see anyone, not even a stray cat in one of the alleys. I walked into the nearest store and found nothing but dust that was at least an eighth of an inch thick. I proceeded to check the rest of the stores on the main street and all I found was more dust and lots of cobwebs.



DORREL  
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The famed coach is no stranger to the spotlight: amassing 13 seasons with the team while serving as the offensive line coach, offensive coordinator and head coach.

Dorrel’s full-time coaching tenure began in 2005.

Since then Northwest pieced together a 154-20 record, nine MIAA championships and a collection of four national titles (2009, 2013, 2015, 2016).

Following his most recent 2016 national championship crowning, Dorrel accepted a new job in Texas at Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Abilene Christian University.

“I’m excited for this new challenge in my life and my professional career,” Dorrel said. “I believe that with the commitment ACU is making to athletics in general and football in particular, that this is a sleeping giant, and that makes it a very intriguing opportunity.”

Dorrel and his reputation followed him swiftly to Abilene Christian where just two days after the national championship, he was introduced as the new head coach.

“We went out and got the best coach in America to come to Abilene Christian,” Athletic Director Lee De Leon said. “We found us a winner.”

Though excited about the incoming of coach Dorrel and his highly regarded resume, Abilene Christian president Phil Schubert took notice of the program’s academic success.



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN  
Coach Adam Dorrel and defensive back Jack Young lead Northwest football out of the tunnel right before the Bearcats took the field against North Alabama, eventually claiming the programs sixth national title at Children’s Mercy Park Dec. 17, 2016.

Schubert said that he especially enjoyed that Northwest had assembled 200 All-Conference academic honors and six Academic All-Americans since 2011.

This pushed the program’s GPA higher than the cumulative of Northwest’s student body.

“We wanted a coach who was going to lead a program,” Schubert said. “That has the characteristics and the qualities that we could be proud of as a university.”

Dorrel’s journey as a football player began as a Maryville Spoofhound offensive lineman.

After receiving his high school diploma, Dorrel continued his football career at Northwest, earning All-American honors as a senior in 1997.

Dorrel earned his bachelor’s degree from Northwest in 1998.

He returned to Northwest as a

graduate assistant in 1999 when the team won the second of its back-to-back national titles, and completed his master’s degree at Northwest in 2000.

Dorrel also served coaching stints at Dakota State University in South Dakota and William Jewell College in Missouri before being appointed offensive line coach at Northwest.

After returning to the Bearcats’ coaching scene in 2004, Dorrel spent three years as the offensive line coach.

In 2007, Dorrel was promoted to offensive coordinator. During that time as the offensive play-caller, Dorrel assisted in accumulating five consecutive NCAA Division II championship appearances and the program’s third national title in 2009.

In 2011, Dorrel became the 19th head coach in Northwest history, succeeding living legend Mel Tjeerdsma, who retired after 17 seasons at the helm in 2010.

Before Dorrel was hired as head coach, long-time assistant Scott Bostwick was named to the position but never had the chance to take the field after passing away June 5, 2011.

During the summer of 2007, he served as an offensive line coach for Team USA as it competed and won the International Federation of American Football (IFAF) World Championships in Japan.

Dorrel has left his mark in Maryville and according to the record books, departs as one of the best.

FAITH  
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Though different in coaching styles, the two remain identical in faith.

Earlier this season I spoke with Tjeerdsma about his love for Jesus and how this has factored into his position at Northwest.

Several times faith has put him in situations that could have potentially carried him away to bigger programs.

After much prayer and meditation, the answer was clear. Though Tjeerdsma applied for a job at the University of Texas-San Antonio, former University of Miami coach Larry Coker took the position.

His calling in life resided with Northwest.

Though Dorrel is positioned in a different situation, the longtime Maryville native needed a different challenge.

Moving to Abilene Christian caused Dorrel to express his true identity in Christ to Abilene Christian president Phil Schubert.

“I was blown away in listening to Adam Dorrel talk about his faith and his passion,” Schubert said. “To lead young men in a deeper understanding in who Jesus was

and how he’s called them to be leaders into the world is one of the big attractions to Adam.”

It is easy to see that Dorrel clearly displays love and passion for his Lord and Savior.

The thought of glory and success can be sometimes overlooked and passed up in the moment.

Northwest students, fans and alumni are spoiled. I am not saying that in an offensive or bad way but 30 straight wins at the NCAA Division II level is something some can barely fathom.

The great win streak is only second to Grand Valley State (40). Over the past four years, Northwest has only fallen twice.

The Northwest football program has shown complete command over almost every team it has faced. A big target plastered on players’ backs only adds to how special this once in a lifetime experience has been.

Week after week a championship level team takes the field and produces championship level results. A true testament that only such work may be crafted and intricately woven by the big man himself.

Matthew 19:26

“But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible,

but with God all things are possible.’”

The expectation in Maryville is to win, both at the college and high school level.


The last time Northwest lost was Nov. 22, 2014. That is a total of two years or 25 months, or otherwise displayed as 756 days since the last time fans have watched the boys in the spiffy dark green and white adidas uniforms fall.

Though the Spoofhounds have not reaped the rewards of postseason success, they still lay claim as one of the top teams in Missouri Class 3 football, holding a perfect 45-0 regular-season record under the direction of coach Matt Webb.

Webb has also guided Spoofhound football to back-to-back Class 3 state crowns in 2012 and 2013.

In the 2016 season, Maryville outscored opponents 716-150. Following another state championship appearance, the 2017 class graduates 22 members of the Spoofhound squad, a group that has only lost three times in their high school career.

There is no other explanation for the events that have transpired since the late 1990s to present day football in Maryville, Missouri and only one other knows. He sits above us all.



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ATHLETES of the WEEK



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SPOOFHOUNDS



Xavier Kurth

Jasmin Howe

John Zimmerman

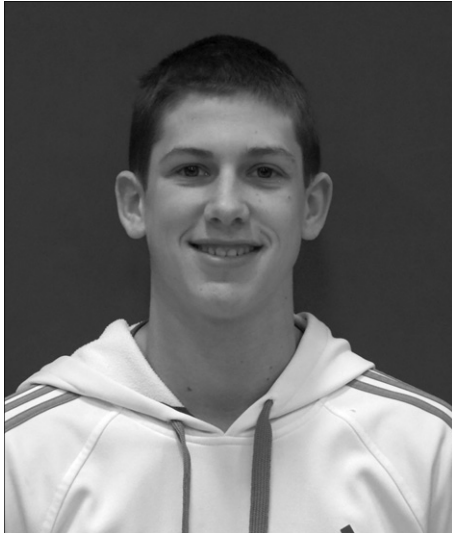
Abbie Greeley



The junior had 18 points in a win over Pittsburg State Jan. 7. Kurth accumulated 45 points and 30 rebounds in the last three games and averaged a double-double in those games. He also shot sixty eight percent in that period.



The senior had a combined 35 points and 10 points in women’s basketball matchups against Missouri Southern and Pittsburg State last week. She also shot sixty five percent in those games.



The senior put up 23 points in a 54-48 victory over Chilli-cothe Jan. 10. Fifteen points came in the second half. He also put 26 points against St. Joseph Lafayette Jan. 3.



The senior put up nine points and ten rebounds in a 47-33 loss to East Buchanan Jan. 10. Greeley also put up six points in a 62-27 loss to Lafayette Jan. 6.



# Zimmerman stings into Hornet efforts

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Free-throw practice paid off for Spoofhound basketball in a 54-48 victory over Chillicothe to continue its nine-game winning streak.

Maryville's (10-1) 16-point lead was cut to five following a 20-point fourth quarter by the Hornets (7-7). Fifteen of those points came beyond the arc.

"We gave up three threes in a row," coach Matt Stoecklein said. "We just didn't give enough to back up our guys. I don't know if we thought 'game's over; we're up 16,' but we just didn't get back to our defense."

The Spoofhounds faced a similar situation early in the first quarter. After developing a 10-2 lead, Chillicothe responded with a 11-4 run of its own including three treys, taking a 14-13 advantage at the end of the first quarter.

The Hornets continued to have success from long range, posting two three-pointers in the second quarter. Following halftime, the Spoofhounds managed to put Chillicothe's long range threat on hold, not allowing a single three-pointer in the third quarter.

"Watching film, we were planning to take that away," Stoecklein said. "Then they hit the threes and we had to adjust. We had to give something inside to take the outside away."

Forced fouls against senior point guard John Zimmerman and sophomore point guard Eli Dowis guided the Spoofhounds towards victory in the final one minute, 30 seconds of the game. The two finished the period four-of-five at the line.

"We knew coming in they were great shooters," Zimmerman said. "We just didn't rotate very well. Basketball is a huge momentum game. I just knew we needed a bucket and decided to try and get it to the rim or get the foul and get some easy



baskets. They were going in."

Zimmerman led the Spoofhounds with 23 points, 13 coming in the fourth quarter. Dowis, on the other hand, put up 14. The recipe of dividing points between several athletes has driven the Spoofhounds all season long.

"We have a lot of good guys," Stoecklein said. "On most nights any guy can score. We've had such good spread out scoring that any given night it could be anyone different."

Stoecklein aims to use his team's short victory to get back on track for games ahead.

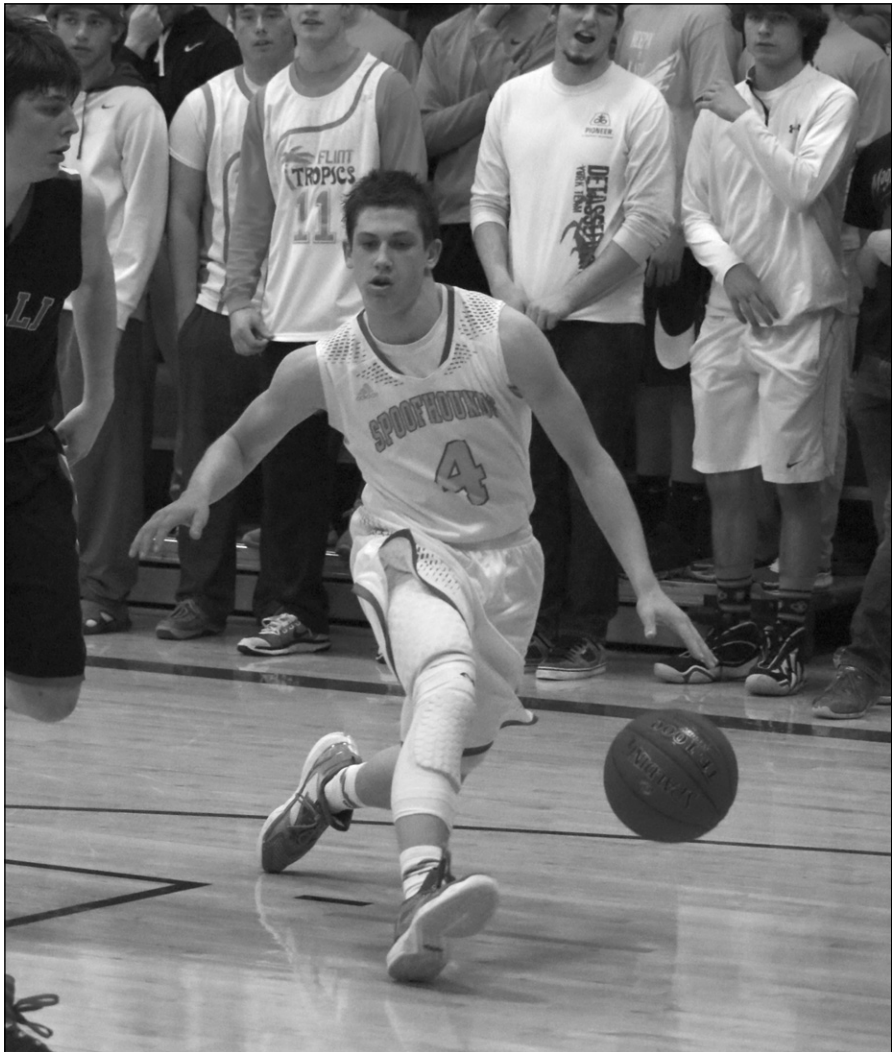
"We always have to come out playing every single game," Stoecklein said. "I don't think we did that this game. No lead is safe. MEC Teams are going to come after us. 10 or 25, it doesn't matter. Anyone can hit shots."

The win comes just one game after the Spoofhounds' 63-59 victory over St. Joseph Lafayette, the first time since 2005. Zimmerman put up 26 points in the game, ahead of senior shooting guard Jackson Golightly's and senior point guard Trey Oglesby's combined 22 point effort.

"It was huge," Zimmerman said. "It's not only a good win, but it gives us momentum for the rest of the season. Along with that win, now we're the top dog. We realize that. People are going to game plan for us. They want to knock us off."

Maryville takes a break from MEC action while the 'Hounds travel to Falls City High School (8-4) Jan 13. Stoecklein expects the matchup to be well contested once combined with the energy of the crowd.

"Fall City is going to be tough over there," Stoecklein said. "They are across the board; their lineup is big. It is going to be a hostile environment. They are going to be waiting for us and ready for us. They are going to be excited for us to come over."



JOHN ZIMMERMAN | NW MISSOURIAN  
Senior point guard John Zimmerman avoids two Chillicothe defenders while maintaining his dribble in the Spoofhounds' 54-48 win over the Hornets Jan. 10.

**NEXT GAME BOYS**

Maryville @ Fall City, NE  
Jan. 13 @ 7:30 p.m.

**NEXT GAME GIRLS**

Maryville @ Falls City, NE  
Jan. 13 @ 5:45 p.m.

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SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN  
Senior forward Abbie Greeley looks for an opening as she drives to the hoop against Lafayette Jan. 6. Hounds lost 67-27.

## Slump hits both sides of the ball

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Things are not looking up for Maryville girls basketball this season, who suffered another loss Tuesday night to the hands of East Buchanan.

The Bulldogs rolled over the Spoofhounds 47-33, extending Maryville's losing streak to four games. The last win for the Spoofhounds came on Dec. 30 against St. Joseph Bishop LeBlond.

The Spoofhounds have been struggling in both phases of the game. On the defensive side, Maryville has issues matching up against their opponents in the post, which forces coach Quentin Albrecht to switch up his team's defense frequently.

Albrecht often switches between man-to-man and zone defenses, but also throws in a few "junk defenses" to isolate key players and throw off the other team's offense.

"I think for us to be successful defensively we will always have to mix up our defenses," Albrecht said. "We're not incredibly strong, we're not incredibly quick nor are we large in stature..so we have to

switch up our defenses just to try to keep them off balance."

This strategy works when it comes to limiting specific players, especially when they run a diamond-and-one or box-and-one defense. This often leaves outside players open on the wings and behind the three point arc.

On the offensive end of the court the Spoofhounds have had problems with digging themselves into a hole and not being able to recover. In their Jan. 6 loss to St. Joseph Lafayette, the Irish went on a 24-4 run in the second quarter and Maryville was unable to bounce back.

Similarly, in Maryville's loss to East Buchanan Tuesday night the Hounds were down 29-11 at the half. A strong third quarter comeback attempt simply was not enough to make up the difference.

Albrecht said that when his players get themselves into a hole the mental side of the game is too much to overcome, and that shows in how their offense performs.

"If we get behind by too much, it's really tough for us to come back," Albrecht said. "Sometimes the ball goes in, but unfortunately for us, sometimes isn't enough."

There have been several close

games this season when Maryville played strong for the full 36 minutes but was unable to finish with a win. When they played Savannah Jan 2, the game came down to the wire, but the Savages pulled out a 44-42 win with a clutch three point shot and made free throws in the last two minutes of the game.

Looking ahead, Maryville has another tough matchup Friday Jan. 13 against Falls City (Neb). These two teams faced off earlier this season in the Bishop LeBlond Holiday Tournament Consolation Championship game. A combination of too many Spoofhound turnovers as well as a strong second half from the Tigers' Alyssa Frederick were too much for Maryville to handle as Falls City took the 46-25 victory.

Maryville senior Abbie Greeley is confident that her team will continue to work hard and improve over the next few weeks not matter how the games turn out.

"We'll move forward, just as we always do," Greeley said. "We keep pushing each other day in and day out, seeking improvement. We just have to stay positive and strive to do better than the day before."

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NW MEN'S BASKETBALL			
MIAA Standings			
	Overall	MIAA	
NORTHWEST.....	14-0	6-0	
Nebraska Kearney.....	11-4	4-2	
Missouri Southern.....	10-5	4-2	
Central Oklahoma.....	9-5	4-2	
Central Missouri.....	9-4	3-2	
Emporia St.....	7-7	3-2	
Lincoln.....	10-5	3-3	
Fort Hays St.....	9-5	3-3	
Washburn.....	10-4	2-3	
Southwest Baptist.....	9-5	2-3	
Lindenwood.....	12-6	2-4	
Northeastern St.....	3-11	2-4	
Missouri Western.....	4-10	1-5	
Pittsburg St.....	3-11	1-5	
<b>Jan. 12</b>			
Northwest at Central Missouri			
<b>Jan. 14</b>			
Northwest at Southwest Baptist			

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL			
MIAA Standings			
	Overall	MIAA	
Pittsburg St.....	14-1	6-0	
Central Oklahoma.....	13-1	5-1	
Emporia St.....	13-1	4-1	
Central Missouri.....	11-2	4-1	
Fort Hays St.....	13-2	4-2	
Missouri Western.....	12-3	4-2	
Missouri Southern.....	9-6	4-2	
Washburn.....	10-4	3-2	
Southwest Baptist.....	10-4	2-3	
Northeastern St.....	6-8	2-4	
Lindenwood.....	5-8	1-5	
Lincoln.....	2-11	1-5	
NORTHWEST.....	5-8	0-6	
Nebraska Kearney.....	4-10	0-6	
<b>Jan. 12</b>			
Northwest at Central Missouri			
<b>Jan. 14</b>			
Northwest at Southwest Baptist			

MHS BOYS BASKETBALL			
MEC Standings			
	Overall	MEC	
St. Joseph Benton.....	8-3	1-0	
MARYVILLE.....	10-1	3-0	
Savannah.....	4-2	2-1	
Chillicothe.....	7-7	1-1	
St. Joseph Lafayette.....	3-12	1-1	
Cameron.....	5-5	0-1	
Bishop LeBlond.....	3-9	0-2	
Smithville.....	0-5	0-2	
<b>Jan. 13</b>			
Maryville at Falls City (Nebraska)			
<b>Jan. 17</b>			
Maryville at Mid-Buchanan			

MHS GIRLS BASKETBALL			
MEC Standings			
	Overall	MIAA	
Chillicothe.....	11-1	1-0	
St. Joseph Lafayette.....	8-3	1-0	
St. Joseph Benton.....	7-3	2-0	
Smithville.....	7-4	0-1	
Savannah.....	2-3	0-1	
MARYVILLE.....	2-9	0-1	
Bishop LeBlond.....	1-9	0-1	
Cameron.....	1-4	0-0	
<b>Jan 13</b>			
Maryville at Falls City (Nebraska)			
<b>Jan 17</b>			
Maryville at Penney			



# No. 1 men continue to run rampant



Junior forward Brett Dougherty battles through the contact while scoring a left handed layup in the Bearcats' 77-50 win over Pitt State Jan. 7. Dougherty finished the game with nine points, seven rebounds while shooting 75 percent from the field.

BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

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The Northwest men's basketball team is off to a commanding start this season.

Northwest (14-0) sits No. 1 in the nation and 12 of its 14 wins have been by a staggering average of 21.9 points per game.

With its ability to hold teams to an average of 60.5 points per game, Bearcat defense is the standout component to the team's success. Under coach Ben McCollum, defense has been mainstay from day one at Northwest.

"From the start of my career here that was always what we've preached," McCollum said. "We spend probably 75 percent of our practices on defense."

McCollum makes sure that his players are never coddled no matter the defensive struggles. He says this makes them tougher on that end of the floor.

"We don't bail them out either; honestly we don't play zone and we don't gimmick it up," McCollum said. "If we score on it, we're either going to play it better, play it harder or we're going to lose. Our kids just never get bailed out so naturally they're not enabled at all."

Letting early season success affect a team's focus is a trap many fall victim to. Junior Brett Dougherty said McCollum provides an atmosphere that does not allow for stale motivation and lackluster focus.

"Coach Mac (McCollum) does a good job of keeping us humble and making sure we don't 'drink the poison,'" Dougherty said. "Staying hungry and knowing we can get better."

McCollum likes how his team has handled being the No. 1 team in the nation and says that the program loves those challenges and strives to embrace them.

"I want them to think about it but they don't let it necessarily go

to their head, because they want to keep it there," McCollum said. "Most coaches try to brush expectations off like that. We try and embrace it and see 'Hey how tough are you now when you've got all this pressure and expectations?'"

Heading into winter break, the Bearcats lost starting senior guard Anthony Woods to an injury for a few games. Though there is no timetable for Wood's return, Northwest has not missed a beat.

In his place, junior guard Xavier Kurth has turned in three stellar performances. Kurth averaged a double-double in those games and was Northwest's second leading scorer. Kurth amassed 45 points, 30 rebounds, seven assists and went from averaging 14.5 to 31 minutes per game.

"He has played within himself and that's what we've been looking for out of him," McCollum said. "Just do what you are really great at and eliminate the stuff you are just average at. He can shoot and do some of those things, but it takes away from his offensive rebounding, passing and cutting ability."

Northwest will look toward its next challenge of the season 7:30 p.m. January 12th at Warrensburg against the Central Missouri Mules. The Bearcats beat the Mules earlier in the season by a score of 76-57. McCollum expects Northwest to face a much more competitive group Thursday night.

"Obviously a road game is totally different. I think Central in particular are almost 20 points better than they are on the road, so we have to understand it's going to be a totally different game than it was here," McCollum said.

#### NEXT GAME

**Northwest @ Central Missouri**  
Jan. 12 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Northwest @ Southwest Baptist**  
Jan. 14 @ 3:30 p.m.

**TREY RANDLE**  
Chief Sports Reporter | @treyrock36

Poor ball security and slow starts are just two of the components that have played a part in recent struggles in Northwest women's basketball.



Although significant, previously mentioned shortcomings may be symptoms of injuries that have plagued key pieces of the team. With players missing time, the entire balance of the team was out of sync and it showed in the box score.

For example, when junior forward Tanya Meyer missed time due to an injury, the team suffered greatly. First, Northwest dropped a contest with Missouri Southern 86-76. Northwest followed it with its worse loss of the season, 80-54 in a one-sided contest against Pittsburg State.

"We have had some tough games lately with Meyer out of our rotation," coach Buck Scheel said. "We're hoping she'll be back this Thursday; she's kind of day-by-day now."

It was not just the injuries that attributed to Northwest's downfall. Before Meyer's injury, Northwest lost six games straight after starting the season 5-0.

The struggles in the area of ball security have restrained any poten-

tial offensive momentum. This results in a scramble to get back on defense to prevent easy fast-break points, and often ends in failure.

Northwest finds itself in an odd position. The team is not necessarily overflowing with experienced seniors on one hand and it is not really blessed with youth on the other. However, Northwest does have a cupboard stocked with players that are relatively young, but have played one or two seasons.

Players such as sophomores Arbie Benson and Mallory McAndrews provided supplemental support during senior Jasmin Howe's 33-point eruption against Missouri Southern.

Scheel hopes that Northwest's loss at the hands of Pittsburg State will serve as a wake-up call for the changes that need to be made.

"I thought yesterday (Monday) was our best practice since we have been back for break," Scheel said. "A lot of that had to do with the outcome of Saturday's game."

With Meyer's return came a well-polished offensive game that created more opportunities for players surrounding her.

"Her versatility really changes how teams guard us, just because she is a totally different player from Carlie (Wilhelmi) and Maria (De-

tlinger)," Scheel said.

Turnovers remain the point of emphasis as Scheel continues to mention Northwest's failure to take care of the ball. If Northwest wants to gain any sort of momentum, it must first master the art of protecting the ball.

"We cannot have two or three good possessions offensively and then go on the defensive end and give up bucket after bucket," Scheel said. "For us, we have to be a lot more consistent with our execution on the offensive end."

Per coach Scheel and the Northwest Athletic Department, athletes were not available to the media this week. Instead, players were tasked with putting an emphasis on fine-tuning their game in order to bring the team's eight-game losing streak to an end.

"We had people playing out of character, doing things that we have never taught and have never seen," Scheel said following Northwest's loss to Pittsburg State. "Hopefully those will be fixed as we go into Thursday."

#### NEXT GAME

**Northwest @ Central Missouri**  
Jan. 12 @ 5:30 p.m.

**Northwest @ Southwest Baptist**  
Jan. 14 @ 1:30 p.m.



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Head coach Buck Scheel looks in disgust as he watches his women's basketball team suffer defeat for the eighth straight time.

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Dorrel exits after one final curtain call

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The Adam Dorrel era comes to a close in Maryville and leaves behind one of the greatest Division II football programs ever assembled.

In his six seasons as head coach, the famed Maryville native departs with a 76-8 record and a 90.5 percent winning percentage.

This pegs Dorrel as the winningest head coach in all of college football.

Recently named the 2016 AFCA Division II coach of the year, Dorrel also received the award both in 2013 and 2015.

This is the oldest and most prestigious Coach of the Year award and is the only award chosen exclusively by coaches.

“We found a way to get it done,” Dorrel said after clinching the 2016 national championship. “One of the things that I’ve found in coaching is how difficult it is to get to the top, but it’s certainly more difficult to stay there.”

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# Breathtaking

Higher meaning for repeated Bearcat triumph



Head coach Adam Dorrel celebrates his final victory as a Northwest Bearcat as he embraces his wife, Erin, and two girls, Allie and Sam, at the National Championship game in Kansas City, Kansas, Dec. 17, 2016.



When a spectacle such as Bearcat football rolls around, few can put into perspective what the big man upstairs is actually up to.

It is not by luck or sheer chance that Northwest has become a football powerhouse, but by the grace of something much bigger.

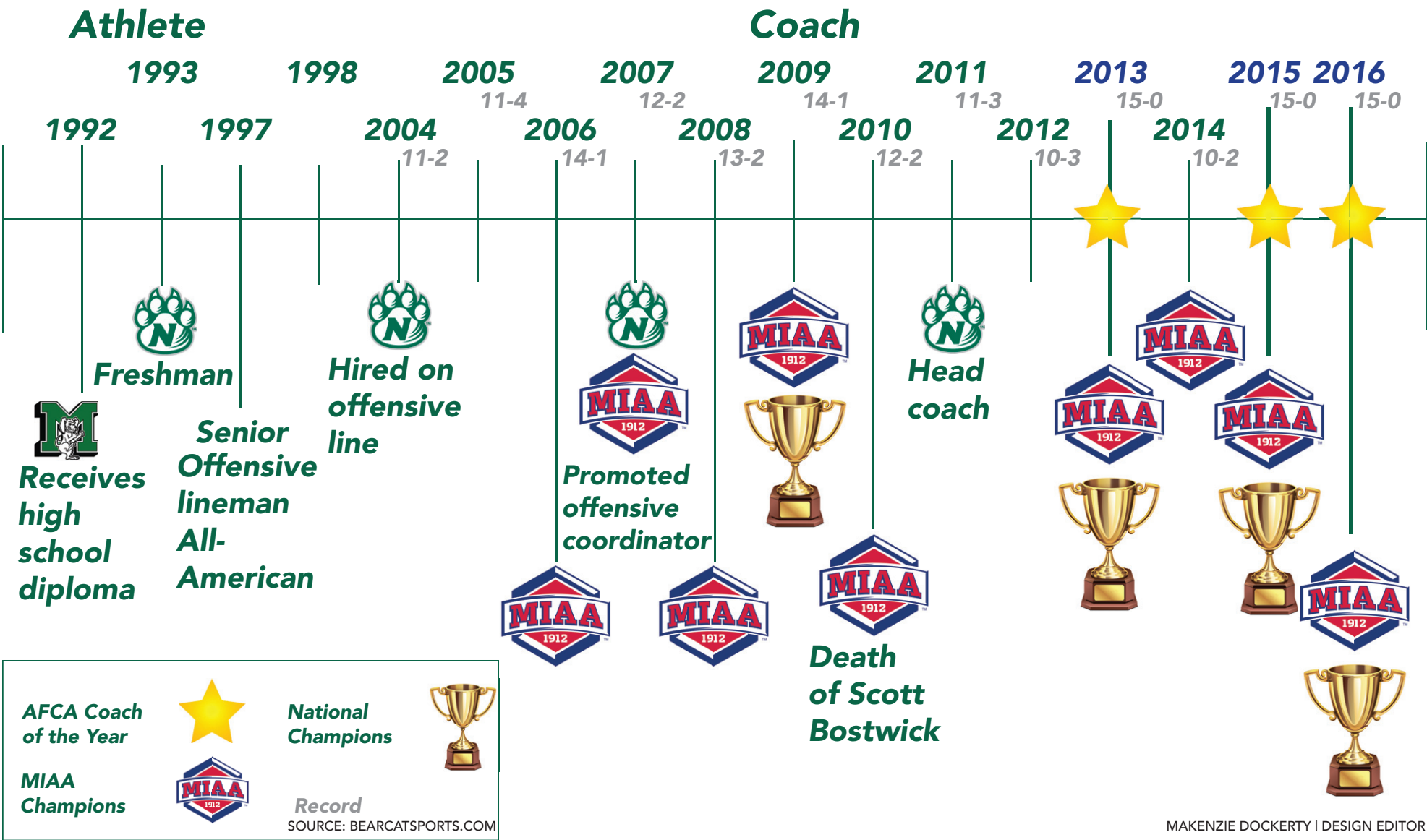
This situation in particular can be directly related to a few select individuals who have helped construct the Northwest football dynasty as well as continue the work in His kingdom above.

Northwest has hired 20 head coaches in the football program’s history, but just two have hoisted a national title in the position.

Athletic director Mel Tjeerdsma and now Abilene Christian coach Adam Dorrel have been at the center of it all, collecting three national championships each for a Division II best six total titles.

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## Dorrel’s Legacy



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## Wright right for family

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After capturing the program’s sixth national title, it only took Northwest athletics a little more than three hours to announce the hiring of the program’s 20th head coach, Rich Wright.

Wright has served on Northwest’s staff since 2004 as both defensive line coach and special teams coordinator.

It was not until 2010 when Wright took the reigns as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator for the Bearcats that he began to craft one of the best defenses in Division II history.

At approximately 6:30 p.m., a frosty Dec. 17 night at Children’s Mercy Park, the Bearcats received the traditional shower of confetti following a record sixth national championship. At 9:17 p.m. exactly, Northwest Athletics made the announcement and the Wright era began.

“This opportunity has been a dream of mine since 1996,” Wright said. “That dream turned into a goal and now that goal turns into reality. I’m blessed beyond belief to have this opportunity and it’s one that is going to be one of the highlights of my life.”

Wright has been heading the Bearcat defense and in 2015, the Bearcats’ national championship featured one of the most potent defensive units in the country.



Newly appointed head Coach Rich Wright begins to form his third down signal during the National Championship game at Children’s Mercy Park.

Northwest led the nation in six categories including total defense (224 yards per game), scoring defense (12.3 points per game), team sacks (4 sacks per game), rushing defense (59.3 yards per game), team passing efficiency defense (87.81) and third-down conversion percentage defense (24.3 percent).

The team finished atop the MIAA in 15 defensive categories as well, leading to six first-team All-MIAA selections.

This season’s championship run was no exception, ranking No. 1 nationally in total defense (240.9 yards per game), defensive yards per play (3.81 yards), rushing defense (67.7 yards per game) and yards per rush (1.99 yards).

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## Transfer finds home in record books

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Throughout the past decade and a half, defensive linemen have left their mark on Northwest’s football program.

From Dave Tollefson to Matt Longacre, Northwest has been a factory, perpetually fabricating elite talent across the defensive line. When one All-American performer leaves, another one takes his place.

When two-time All-American Longacre left via graduation, then defensive coordinator and defensive line coach Rich Wright was stuck in a tricky situation.

Enter Collin Bevins, the 6-foot-6-inch Creston, Iowa native. After spending his redshirt year at Iowa State University, Bevins decided leaving Ames was necessary if he wanted to continue his career.

“Being mentioned in the same sentence is an honor to me,” Bevins said. “I still look up to him (Longacre) and watch film on him everyday.”

Arriving during the summer of 2013, Bevins was dubbed an instant impact player for North-

west. With transfer students, the biggest issue is whether or not they will fit in with the team. For Bevins, that was never a concern.

From his first days in Maryville, Bevins was well-liked and established himself as a leader. From the mullet he would sport to his on the field celebrations, Bevins became a joy to watch.

With key players already in place such as former Bearcats Longacre and Brandon Yost, Bevins was tasked with the role of rotational player at the beginning of the season.

As time progressed, Bevins soon found himself receiving a majority of the minutes. As his minutes increased, so did his production.

After finishing his freshman year with five sacks, Bevins recorded similar numbers his sophomore year. It was not until his junior year that he not only became a household name in Maryville, but throughout the country as well.

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